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Cummings, Stoffel to Study Orinda, And Recommend Zoning Solutions

The County Planning Commission Tuesday delegated Supervisor Jack Cummings and Commissioner John Stoffel to go over the parts of Orinda involved in the current zoning controversy and to present the Commission their recommendations.

Thomas Heaton, planning technician, said today that Cummings, this district's supervisor and ex-officio member of the commission, and Stoffel, newly-appointed commissioner and resident of Orinda, had been instructed to carefully study the land in question.

MAKE RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Commisison will review their recommendations and then determine what plan to submit to the Board of Supervisors.

The Commission must report to the Supervisors by the middle of February unless an extension of time is secured.

The major controversy is RS vs. RA zoning. The Commission previously recommended that Hacienda del Orinda, Moraga Glorietta and Moraga Manor be zoned RS (residential with minimum of 10,000 square feet). Residents are on record as seeking RA — one half acre minimum lots.

BUSINESS SECTION

The Orinda Association is urging that the business section at the Crossroads be extended no further north on the highway than Davis Road. The Commission recommended that it be allowed well beyond the road.

Exception is also being taken to the proposed zoning of unsubdivided lands in various sections. Orinda Association has asked that most be zoned RA instead of the proposed RS or A (agricultural, to be zoned later.)

Work on Sewers in Orinda May Start Early Summer

Preliminary plans for sewers in three Orinda Local Improvement Disrticts were ordered at the meeting of the directors of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District last week.

John L. Mason, District Manager, said this week that construction would probably begin early in summer. Narrow roads and difficult terrain make it feasible to do this work during summer weather, Mason explained.

PLANS ALMOST COMPLETE

Plans for Improvement District No. 10, including Orinda Vista, Orinda Oaks, Park Terrace and Garden of Eden, are almost complete and construction may begin in May, Mason added.

At the meeting, Directors asked the District Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for Local Improvement Districts 12 and 14. District 12 covers Hacienda Del Orinda, Orinda Village, Orinda School Site, and the Community Church and Orinda Association property. District 14 includes the Orinda area south of the Crossroads, Crossroad business area, Moraga Estates, Encinas del Moraga, Moraga Manor. This area generally covers territory from highway to Glorietta Blvd.

PLANT SUPERINTENDENT

At the Director's meeting, Robert D. Mott was appointed as superintendent of the Sewage Treatment Plant in Orinda at $450 per month.

A request for Stolte, Inc. working on District 2 in Walnut Creek was considered by the Board. Stolte sought permission to forestall resurfacing the roads on payment of a bond which would guarantee that the work be done. The Board's counter plan allowed the delay on payment of a cash deposit. This procedure enables the Board to consider the job completed without waiting for resurfacing, thus allowing residents to connect with side sewers a few months before the resurfacing is completed.

Martin Bros. working on Section 5 in Lafayette on St. Mary's Road requested that the sewer line be relocated to go around instead of through a hill due to unpredicted soil conditions. Action on this request was postponed until the next meeting to allow time for study.

Contract for local Improvement District 6 in the Pleasant Hills Area was awarded to Martin Bros. at a bid of $107,150.

Richard R. Kennedy, son of Clyde C. Kennedy, was appointed Deputy District Engineer.

Don Cagers Beat 2 Antioch Teams

The Acalanes Dons had a fighting time of it when they met the Antioch fives in the Acalanes gym Wednesday night before emerging winner in both games. Varsity came out ahead, 28 to 26; the bees won 29 to 26.

In neither game could the clubs find the hoop with any consistency. Close scores all the way kept the fans on their feet a good part of the time.

In both games Antioch lead at half time — 16-12 in the Bees and 14-12 in the varsity only to have the Dons come through when the chips were down in fast and furious second halves.

Alvin Keefauver pushed through two quick buckets in the last seconds of the game to ice the affair for the Bees while Marshall Freeman made a one-handed tip in with a minute and 15 seconds on the clock to break a 26 all deadlock in the varsity tilt.

Tickets On Sale For Cub Review

Tickets are going like hotcakes for the forthcoming "biggest show in captivity," Orinda Cub Pack 32's Cub Review, says John Barchfield, chairman of the Pack Committee.

This extravaganza is to open for a one night stand March 4 at Orinda Grammar School. More thon 400 ducats already have been sold but some are still available, Barchfield reports. Prices are 50 cents for adults and 20 cents for youngsters.

First event to be presented by Cubmaster Al Myer's charges is a series of skits. Each den will give a short theatrical offering of its own origination. Concessions for ice cream, soda pop, hot dogs and other carnival fare will run throughout the evening.

"Inasmuch as the used newspaper market has virtually disappeared, the Cubs decided to supplement their funds with an evening of entertainment," Barchfield explained. "All the boys are pitching in to sell tickets in their neighborhoods and there will be a prize for the den which has the best sales record."

Ken Hauter is coordinator of the entire Review while Austin Little is concession manager.

Nursery School In New Building

At a volunteer work party last week, mothers of the Orinda Nursery School Association conducted moving day.

Present accomodations for this cooperative school is in the new Nursery classroom building of the Community Church. This adjoins the modern beautiful play yard installed by the Nursery School Association and designed by William Penn Mott, Jr. A small group of fathers a few weeks ago began work on the redwood fence which will completely surround the play area.

Charles Hill May Get Orinda Mail

Charles Hill residents may soon receive their mail through the Orinda Post Office rather than from the Lafayette Post Office.

The decision is now in the hands of postal authorities in Washington D. C. This change, long-sought by Charles Hill people, has been approved by both the Lafayette and Orinda post offices.

P. O. Receipts Show Increase

A 17 per cent increase in gross receipts at the Orinda Post Office for the last quarter of 1948 over the same period of 1947 was reported this week by Postmaster Laura Mallary.

Last quarter, 1948, rose to $9,307 topping 1947's $7,922, the postmaster stated.

Concert Pianist Visits At Chantler Home

Famous houseguests at the home of Mrs. C. B. Chantler of Davis Road this week were the blind concert pianist Robert Brereton and his mother, Mrs. Henry Brereton. Mr. Brereton is on concert tour and performed last week with the Oakland Symphony Orchestra.

Club Executive Board to Meet

The February meeting of the Acalanes Parents Club Executive Board will be held Tuesday night in the school library, according to Mrs. Ernest Kittredge, president of the Board.

The regular meeting of the club will be held February 14, the second Monday, instead of the usual third Monday, as that date falls on a school holiday.

Sleepy Hollow Members to Meet

Sleepy Hollow Improvement Association meets Tuesday, 8 p.m. at the home of president Douglas Day on Van Ripper Lane. This will be a business gathering, Day says.

Fellowship Plans Valentine Dance

The Pilgrim Fellowship will have their first social affair of the new year on the evening of February 12.

This will be a Valentine dance held in the new church unit. The social chairman, Jim Jacobus, is in charge. Handling tickets will be Toni West and Carolyn Ward. The decorations will be under the direction of Shirley McAninch, Karen Tynes, and Ann Summers.

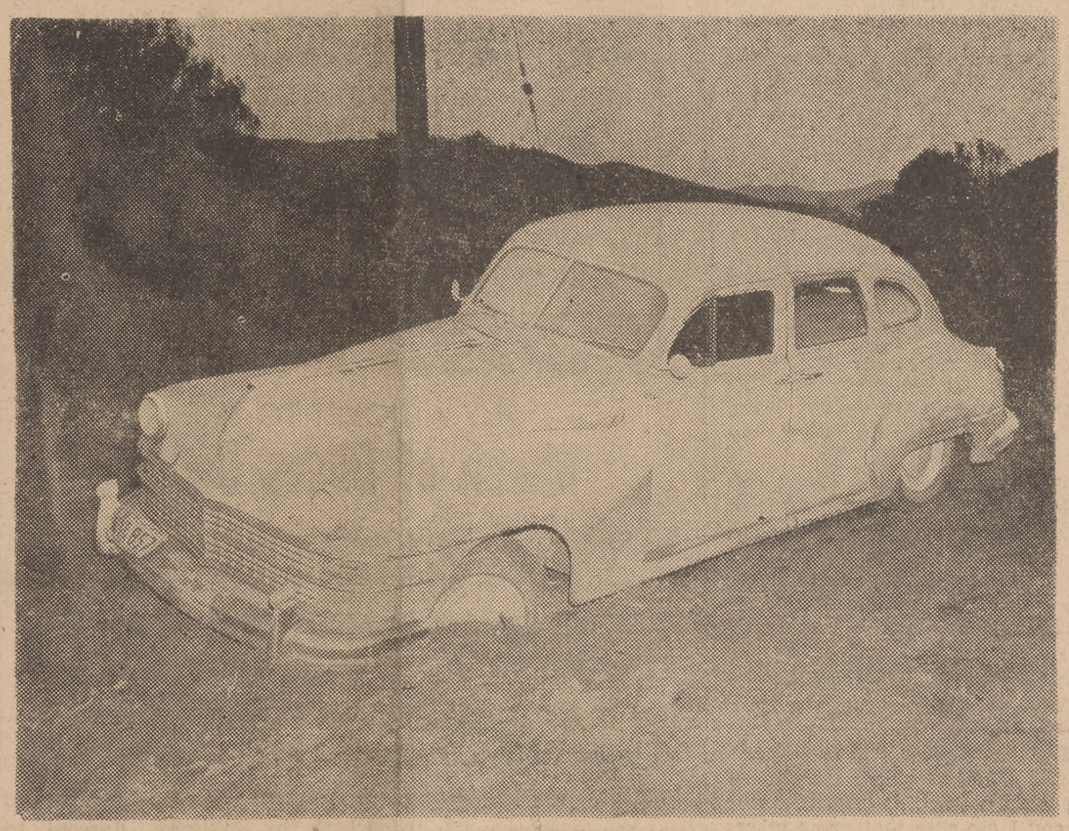
Mad Hatter Dance Given

Silly hats were at a premium when Orinda teenagers raided the closets at home to find a hat to wear to the Mad Hatter Dance held Saturday night at the Orinda Grammar School.

The Orinda Teenagers Club arranged the dance with Warren Everson handling refreshments and Judy Woolsey, decorations.

Streamers and hats hanging from a hat tree decorated the hall.

Chaperons attending were Mesdames and Messrs. Eric Erickson, Dick Laney, and Jack Tynes.



RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE SANITARY DISTRICT anxiously await completion of the much-needed sewer lines, but on more than a few occasions people are losing patience with inconsiderate contractors. An example, is the J. G. Pauls of Hidden Valley. This is their car. They didn't mind so much the first time . . . or the second time . . . but they were more than a little disturbed this time. Conditions, however, are "reportedly" getting better, with more precautions being taken by the contractors. (Photo by Mattson).

Letter Opposes Shopping Center

A letter expressing Oak Springs home owners' unanimous disapproval of the proposed shopping center at Brookwood Road and Spring in Orinda was received by the Board of Supervisors recently. Board members referred the document, written by Carl C. Miller, Oak Springs Home Association president, to the county planning commission for further study.

Residents of the locality in question met January 11 to hear a description of George Adelson's plans for a shopping district. At that time they adopted a unanimous ballot opposing construction of this project. The Association felt such a section would create a traffic hazard by bringing more cars onto Brookwood Road, above and beyond the fact that members believe Oak Springs is too small to support a business section, particularly with the Crossroads so accessible.

LETTER TO SUPERVISORS

Miller's letter to the Supervisors advised them of the unanimous rejection of Adelson's proposal, declaring the lots are for residential use only and the Association is unanimously in favor of their remaining that way.

He concluded, "If any further steps are contemplated . . . it would be greatly appreciated if you would notify us so that ourselves and other residents of this area can take appropriate action."

Adelson's plan came to light in a letter written November 18 to the Supervisors. planning commission and Oak Springs Homes Association. He said, "I herewith present maps and plans for property improvement at Oak Springs . . . embracing Lots 3, 4. 5, 6 and 7 of Unit No. 4 together with other proposed improvements.

NOT ON HIGHWAY

Stressing that no portion of the business section would be on a state or county highway, he went on to say the buildings would have one floor of shops and construction permitting a second floor for offices to be added later.

Adelson declared rental preference would go to Oak Springs residents to establish such stores as "real estate, barber and hairdresser, hardware and plumbing, cleaner, grocery-delicatessen, etc. . . ."

He also proposed to connect Wildwood Road and Hillcrest Drive by a 20-foot street, thus eliminating the need to cross Brookwood Road or the highway to reach his shopping center.

In this connection Adelson wrote, "You can have an up to date shopping district at your home at no cost to you. There are 531 lots in Oak Springs tracts and their entrance and exits are at Spring Road and Brookwood and the State Highway ONLY. You could use the additional roads to build up this district, I am sure." He added that no taverns would be permitted in the shopping center.

Cubs Discontinue Paper, Magazine Collections

Orinda Cub Scouts have discontinued the collection of newspapers and magazines. The waste paper collection depot is closed. The Cubs appreciate the cooperation of Orinda residents in saving paper and magazines and wish to thank them, Bob Clough, publicity chairman, stated today.

Park Pool Installs Directors for '49

The Orinda Park Pool Directors held a meeting January 15 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Littlejohn. The purpose of the meeting was to install Directors for the season of 1949.

The following officers were installed: President, Glen Holtwick; Vice President, Wayne Littlejohn; Secretary, Mrs. Betty Miner; Treasurer, Mrs. Peg Winters; Membership chairman, George Matey; Maintenance, Fred von Guenthner; temporary Publicity, Mrs. Peg Winters; Public Relations, Mrs. Henry Moller; Entertainment, Mrs. Doris Clifford and Charles Ward; and Planning commissioner, Wayne Littlejohn.

The Board will meet Wednesday evening, probably at the Glen Holtwick home, to discuss plans for the coming season.

Orinda Lions Plan Valentine Party

Orinda Lions will bring their Valentines to the February 12 party planned at the Legion Hall in Lafayette.

Tommy Snow, chairman of this Valentine Party, has planned smorgasbord for refreshments. Tickets will be $1.50 each and the party will be limited to 140 persons. The orchestra has been hired and plans for the bar completed.

Bean Feed Set By Boy Scouts

Fathers will get together with their boys in Scout Troop 207 next Tuesday evening at the Scout House, celebrating their annual Fathers and Sons night with a bean feed.

Scoutmaster S. S. Hunn has announced that he has persuaded Fred Agabashian, well-known speedway racing car driver, to put in an appearance at the gathering, to tell the boys and their fathers a few of his experiences as a racing car driver — some humorous, and others so serious as to be humorous only in retrospect, some of the pleasures of the game and some of the heartbreaks.

The scouts are especially anxious to have a representation of the Orinda Lions Club, sponsoring organization for the troop, present for the evening. Mr. Hunn has emphasized the fact that all Lions are most cordially invited.

Landscape Design To Be Discussed

Geraldine Knight Scott, well known landscape architect of Scott and Imlay of Palo Alto, will be guest speaker next Thursday when the Orinda Garden Club meets at the Country Club.

Mrs. Scott's topic will be Contemporary Gardens, according to Mrs. Lloyd Rowley, program chairman. Her talk will be accompanied by a series of color slides showing garden designs.

Members will meet at the Club at 10:30, and lunch will follow the program, Mrs. Neal East, president, said.

Civic Affairs To Reorganize

Plans were made for a reorganization meeting next month by a small group at the meeting of the Civic Affairs Committee of the Orinda Association Monday night at 8 p.m. at the Firehouse.

The secretary, Mrs. Ernest Spiegl, was instructed to send letters to each Orinda association to tell them to appoint representatives for the coming year. Reorganization will include appointing a new chairman and other officers for the year at the next meeting.

At the meeting, Mike Murphy was asked to report back to the committee on what the Real Estate Tax Board is planning.

A. W. Elkinton reported that the Orinda Association is planning to sell one-fourth acre of land to the Community Church to straighten out a right of way problem. At present, the Church has no way of egress from the drive as it was constructed.

The group discussed police protection in the area. It was reported that the Orinda Fire Department will relay calls on its radio to the Sheriff patrol car, enabling residents to phone the fire house when the sheriff is needed.

Mothers Club Has Steering Group

Mrs. R. D. Harrison, president of Orinda Mothers Club, has appointed a committee to investigate different projects for which Mothers Club money should be used this year.

Mrs. S. A. Ballard is chairman of this committee and it is composed of chairmen of the various money raising programs which are held during the year.

This will include the Mesdames George Klement, William Courtright, Nathan Gray, Glen C. Holtwick, King Wilkin, Donald P. Krotz, D. C. Peacock and Stanley A. Allen.

Practically everyone has an idea or two on this subject, so please call Mrs. Ballard or any member of the committee with your thought on different projects for Mothers Club. The committee will investigate and present their findings at the March meeting.

Lions Club Lays Plans for Year

The Orinda Lions Club met Wednesday evening at the Willows to lay plans for the coming year. No speaker was planned.

At a meeting of the directors the previous Wednesday at Bart McMahon's home, members discussed the agenda. A letter from the Board of Supervisors was read regarding the Club's complaint regarding the untidy conditions on Tunnel and Fish Ranch Road. The matter has since been turned over to the district attorney's and sheriff's offices for action.

It was announced that Mrs. George Davis had donated $5000 to the Central Blind Committee.

Plan March of Dimes Dance Feb. 12

Plans are now being made for a March of Dimes Dance to be held Saturday evening February 12 at Acalanes High School.

To be featured will be the increasingly popular music of Hank Gallagher and his talented 13-piece orchestra, which has become a favorite of so many people in the area.

The event will be inter-community sponsored by organizations of Orinda, Lafayette and Walnut Creek. Heading the list will be the March of Dimes committees of each community led by Sheldon Rankin, Herman Silverman and Mrs. Roberta Speigl. General chairman will be Mel Nielsen.

The Lions Clubs of Walnut Creek and Lafayette and the Orinda Barbershoppers will serve as working sponsors.

General Chairman Nielsen promises a bang-up floor show, to top off the evening. A few surprises are in store, he promises. General ticket chairman is Jack Hageman.

Tickets will go on sale Monday at $1.50 per person. They will be available at Wright's Village Pharmacy and Orinda Pharmacy in Orinda; Lafayette Pharmacy, Valley Pharmacy, Super Saver Market and Lafayette Food Center in Lafayette; Dahlgren's, Reilly's Music Shop and Leo's Smoke Shop in Walnut Creek.

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Captain Sandford Sez:

I attended a meeting of the Planning Commission . . . highway rezoning under consideration. The members of this group have a very solemn obligation to the rest of us, and the decisions made should only be arrived at after acquiring a definite first hand knowledge of all the circumstances governing each individual case, so that not the slightest breath of criticism could suggest unjust discrimination. In other words, not Hitler-like, more Solomon-like.

I have received two anonymous epistles in my whole life time, both were postcards, and each were mailed in this area. I would like to look squarely into the eyes of the person or persons who wrote them.

Some people live in slums, some in inexpensive homes on small lots in congested areas, some favored few on magnificent estates and some by force of circumstance in jails, etc. All are supposed to be human.

Many of the world's most valuable citizens have been forced by circumstances to live in quite unpleasant places, which did not in any way detract from the magnificence of their sterling service to their fellow men.

Where a person lives does not matter very much, but what a person does, matters a great deal. When the time comes to make the great jump and a group stands around a hole in the ground some shall say, "He did this," and some shall say, "He did that," and some shall say nothing, but we shall all know that what he did is all that matters then.

This idea for a Community Center for Lafayette is excellent and I do most sincerely hope that a suitable location at a suitable price may be found, so that the plan can take root and commence to grow.

I note with a great deal of pleasure that a group of persons interested in the further development of the subdivision known as Homeland, are working on a tree-planting plan which, I feel sure, will do a great deal to beautify that area; and I am sure that many others will join me in wishing them every success in their undertaking.

Report from Sacramento

By Assemblyman
ROBERT L. CONDON

By the time you read this column the Legislature will be recessed. All bills will have been introduced, and we will be homeward bound for a period of "not less than 30 days" in order that we may talk over with our constituents the nature of this proposed legislation. We should, in order to truly represent you, know your views, comments, and desires.

So that you may be acquainted with what the lawmakers are trying to do, I propose to use this and the next four columns to highlight the bills introduced.

When the Legislature goes into Constitutional recess this weekend, about 5,000 bills will have been "thrown into the hopper", as this procedure is commonly called. Several interim investigating committees will start their work.

One of the most controversial of these committees is the group to investigate small loan companies. After much debate, compromise, and clouding of issues, the Legislature authorized a joint committee, composed of three Senators and three Assemblymen. Serving on this committee are Senators Coombs, Rich, and Keating, and Assemblymen Ralph C. Dills (who originally asked for an Assembly committee) Grunsky and Hollibaugh. Any needed legislation will, of course, wait until the Committee turns in its report and recommendations.

CHILD CARE CENTERS

The question of continuing the state-supported Child Care Centers is before the Legislature again. Several different solutions have been offered. Assemblyman Hawkins would resolve the question by establishing these centers on a permanent basis, and would abolish the "means" test.

Presently, if the parents' monthly income exceeds a certain sum, the children are ineligible. Assemblyman Conrad has a bill which would extend the child-care program one year more, but would retain the "means" test. Most observers believe this program will be given another short lease on life, in much the same form as in the past. Assemblyman Dunn, chairman of the Education Committee to which the bills have been referred, favors a "means" test, as does the majority of his committee.

The first bill to be introduced at this session, given the number A.B. 1, deals with a political question. Introduced by Assemblyman Glenn M. Anderson, who is also chairman of the Los Angeles Democratic County Central Committee, this measure seeks to abolish cross-filing.

Under our present system, a candidate may file for office in more than one party's primary, and if successful, can be elected without a November run-off. The Anderson bill, which has little chance of passing, would require Republicans to choose a Republican at the June primary, and the Democrats a Democrat. The primary winners would then meet in the November run-off election.

BILL INTRODUCED

Another bill dealing with this subject was introduced by Los Angeles Assemblyman Moss, who would allow cross-filing, but would require each candidate to have printed on the primary ballot his party designation. Thus, if a Democrat cross-filed into the Republican primary, the word "Democrat" would appear after his name. Under the present system, the voter may be completely unaware of the party affiliation of the persons he votes for at the Primary.

I was a co-author of a bill calling for a Constitutional Convention to revise and rewrite the California Constitution. The people, by initiative, directed the Legislature to call such a convention several years ago, but to date this mandate has not been followed. Our State Constitution, which has about eight times as many words as the United States Constitution, is filled with obsolete sections, including some dealing with the 1915 World's Fair in San Francisco. In addition, there are many measures which should be enacted as statutes and not made part of the basic and fundamental law in the State Constitution.

In later columns I will discuss some of the bills affecting schools and education, unemployment and disability insurance, the health program, housing and other major fields.

Grand Jury Scores Gambling Apathy

"The people of Contra Costa County want gambling", says Victor M. Parachini, Antioch banker and foreman of the County Grand Jury, in a scorching barrage against public apathy in the face of recent newspaper stories which revealed open gambling in the county.

He pointed out that despite these newspaper disclosures and a resulting shut-down of gaming establishments, there is little prospect of a complete clean-up because "the man in the street shows no concern whatever."

JURY STUDYING

Emphasizing that the Grand Jury is "not turning its back," Parachini declared, "we have a law enforcement committee which is studying the situation but what can you expect. Once a year a superior judge appoints a group of common ordinary citizens to a grand jury, and they are supposed to clean up the county."

"We are all businessmen with our own work to do. We want to do the right thing by the county but we cannot go personally into these places and make investigations," he explained.

"We don't even have funds to hire investigators and to obtain such funds we would have to make a definite public request before the Supervisors. You know what would happen. Before we could open our mouths every place in the county would close down and we'd get nowhere."

WELCOMES LETTERS

Parachini said the grand jury would welcome public pressure — "letters, statements, anything of a specific nature to show the people really want a clean-up." Without that, he declared, the jurors must depend on what the regular law enforcement agencies (sheriff's and district attorney's offices) bring before them.

Having commented previously that the people continue to elect sheriffs and district attorneys who "must know what is going on" Parachini concluded, "we get excited about these things but the public just sits around and laughs at us. It looks like the people want it that way."

"NO COMMENT" POLICY

Sheriff James N. Long is maintaining his "no comment" policy in the face of this blast and charges that newspapermen placed horse racing bets and played blackjack in his county. However, James H. Quinn, State Board of Equalization member from this district, has indicated liquor licenses may be suspended if gamblying charges are proved.

Late last week the Trocadero, a club on San Pablo Dam Road, was closed, though newspapermen visiting there a few days before had no trouble placing bets and gambling. A card game was reported at the Wagon Wheel in El Cerrito but the door was guarded to keep out strangers.

Polio Strikes Home!

Following is a partial list of persons living in Walnut Creek, Lafayetete, Orinda and Concord who are afflicted with infantile paralysis and receiving care and treatment from the MARCH OF DIMES:

Lucia de Laveaga Ward, Orinda
Nan Wallace, Lafayette
Gary Fulcher, Lafayette
Gerritt Keane, Walnut Creek
Barbara Markstein, Lafayette
Richard Markstein, Lafayette
Steven Markstein, Lafayette
Dale Amell, Walnut Creek
Isabel Wayne, Walnut Creek
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Phone Co. Asks Rate Increase

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. has requested an immediate emergency rate increase for intrastate telephone service in order to maintain credit for carrying out its proposed $315,000,000 construction program.

Application for this interim raise was presented Friday to the State Public Utilities Commission. Already on file with the same body is a request for a permanent boost totaling $35,655,000.

Gay Nineties Dance Planned

Everyone in Moraga is busily looking through "that old trunk in the attic" hoping to find an appropriate costume for the forthcoming dance to be given by the Moraga Mothers Club the third Saturday in February.

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Panel Discussion Set for Monday

Invitations extended to ministers of Contra Costa County to participate in a panel discussion on the subject, "Is World Government Essential To Peace?" have been accepted by Rev. Fred Morrow of Orinda, Rev. Harry Shaner of Lafayette, and Rev. Shanks (retired) from Concord, according to Sewall Smith, president of Acalanes Chapter.

Several other leaders of the community who will take part in the round-table discussion will be Mrs. Oscar Busch, Frank Smith, and Clarence Stone of Orinda. Mr. Stone will serve as moderator.

The conversational panel discussion which will be held at the Lafayette Community Church Monday evening, at 8 p.m., will be divided into two periods. Half the time will be devoted to discussion and half to questions.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Acalanes Pupils Take Field Trips

Making the out-of-school world their textbook, several groups of Acalanes students are currently making field trips.

The blood bank in Oakland was explored last week by the physiology class under the sponsorship of Alexander Winchester. instructor.

The previous week in the same city, a busload of 45 English students from the classes of L. G. Seaver took in a matinee showing of Sir Laurence Olivier's motion-picture production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet", preparatory to undertaking a class reading of this and other plays.

They were following the precedent set a few weeks earlier by Dramatics Director Ruth Ellis's theater students, who saw "Hamlet" in San Francisco.

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Barbershoppers Will Consider Harmony Night

Possibility of presenting an area-wide Harmony Night at Acalanes High School in early summer was discussed favorably last week by the Orinda Barbershoppers.

A committee will be appointed to investigate this even further at a future meeting.

The Barbershopprs are making plans to sing at the Oak Knoll veterans hospital. Tuesday night they sang before a gathering of the Piedmont American Legion.

New Buildings Planned Here

The County Building Inspector's permit list through January 14 lists 9 applications favorably acted on for various types of construction in Lafayette.

H. B. Anderson is building a single family dwelling on Pine Lane in Rancho Acalanes, while M. B. Helmond took out three permits to erect garages for homes and to change an existing single garage into a double.

A residence is now in progress for Herman Silverman on Lot 11, County Road near Los Palos. Mark Valory is putting up a carport on his land near Lower Happy Valley Road. W. W. Fox has permission to add a guest room to his domicile on St. Mary's Road, and Edward Burton is building a home on Glenside Drive.

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In event the above seems like idle boasting, take a couple of cases in point. A high school teacher visited the office one evening in search of a small home. SUN classifieds found her one, and at only $65 per month too.

Another instance: we received a note from Mr. G. Halstead who too was seeking a place to rent. The letter said he had put ads in several city papers but best response came from the SUN. Incidentally, he found a home to meet his requirements.

If all this lights a fire under some project you have in mind, let the SUN lend a hand. All classifieds appear in the Hometown Shopper, Lafayette SUN and Orinda SUN for the same price. Deadline is Tuesday evening. 'Nuff said.

Hospital Plan To Go Before Supervisors

The proposed Central Contra Costa County Hospital District which includes Lafayette - Orinda - Walnut Creek areas will be discussed at a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors February 21.

Originally local hospital district petitions were presented to the Supervisors last fall requesting formation of such a group but the whole matter was held in abeyance pending a move by some sponsors to be included in the county-wide district which passed November 2 in the general election.

Petitions were circulated after that election asking removal of central Contra Costa from the county plan. District directors are to study these petitions February 15, and it is expected they will approve elimination of the so-called "outllaw" areas, confining their boundaries to the First Supervisor District which is primarily Richmond.

It has been reported that the withdrawal move has revived interest in a local district and favorable action by the hospital directors will clear the way for consideration of this plan on February 21.

McKeegan Talks To Lions Club

Captain McKeegan of the United States Air Force was the featured speaker at Tuesday's meeting of the Lions Club at El Nido Restaurant. He talked on "Alaska".

The Captain is the son of Mrs. Guinevere Thompson of Lafayette and has just been transferred from Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska, to a new field in Palm Beach, Florida. He has spent several years in Alaska in the operations office.

High School Site Talk Continues

Negotiations are continuing between Acalanes High School Trustees and East Bay Municipal Utility District over land at Orinda Crossroads sought as a future location for a high school, Neil Parsons, school superintendent, said today.

The land in question is on the bluff at the northeast corner of the Crossroads above the Shell station. Twenty some acres of land will be needed. School authorities have selected the most desirable site, after going over new maps and inspecting the land.

The major point in question at this time is whether the Utility District is willing to sell the specific site picked out by the school.

The acreage just above the Crossroads is particularly valuable as it could be used for business property in the future. Informal negotiations started more than six months ago.

There are no new developments on the condemnation proceedings, instituted by the high school, for land south of Walnut Creek on the Danville Highway. The trustees selected this for another high school site.

Walnut Creek Approves Bond

Walnut Creek and Danville residents approved bond issues for improved school facilities at elections held recently in each of the two communities.

A $89,000 bond issue was Ok'd by Walnut Creek voters, 343 yes to 37 no. Danville approved a $90,000 expenditure by a tally of 282 yes to 138 no.

District Superintendent George Rice of Danville called a special meeting of the Division of School House Planning the night after the election to discuss possible sites for the new school. He said a selection will be made very soon. Walnut Creek School District officials are working now on plans for additional school rooms similar to those at the new Parkmead School.

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BY CONSTANCE HANSEN

The recent spells of extra cold weather have left some very sad-looking plants. Among those affected are pleromas, bouvardia, fuchsias, various citrus fruits, geraniums, plumbago, and others. The gardener's first impulse is to go out right away to cut away the frozen branches, but the experts advise waiting a few weeks until danger of another killing frost is past, and also until it is possible to see just how much growth has been killed back.

Some of the damage done seemed due to wilting rather than directly to freezing, due to the ground's being frozen for several days on end, and the consequent inability of the roots to take in any water. I believe this is what made the primroses look so bad, especially the ones divided and reset this fall, since primroses are ordinarily very hardy plants.

Another effect of the cold on certain plants, and one which may be alarming to those who are not used to gardening where temperatures go as low as they do here, is the way in which the color of the leaves of some plants is altered by the cold. The Japanese box, for one, loses most of its green color and becomes a brownish yellow, and some of the conifers, such as the junipers and arborvitae, which were bright green the rest of the year, turn purple or almost brown. This manifestation is no cause for worry, since they will assume their usual shade of green with the coming of spring.

FROST ON LAWN

Jane High called me up recently to ask whether her lawn had been killed by frost, as it had turned very brown, and looked quite dead. It seems the lawn is mostly Bermuda grass, which has perennial rootstocks, but a top which dies down where winters are frosty.

The Kumquat demonstarted its right to the title of most hardy citrus fruit, coming through with no signs of frostbite, while the lemon and Rangpur lime both had their extremities nipped back, and the lemons and limes themselves are a total loss. Another year when a frost threatens it would seem to be the smart thing to pick the fruits, rather than let them all be spoiled by freezing. This year they were late, and hadn't fully ripened, so were left on. Ordinarily too, a cover is enough to protect the fruit from freezing.

The few plants which brave the cold weather, blooming on through it, or opening flowers whenever the cold lessens for a few days, are highly prized. The winter iris is one that always has more buds waiting to come out, no matter how many blooms may be frostbitten. The flowers come in white and pink as well as in the usual blue, though the pink one is hard to come by.

The blue flowers are most fragrant. In sheltered spots violets may be found blooming, but where the clumps are more exposed, the flowers seem to have been discouraged from putting in an appearance for the time being. Ordinarily there should be some paper white narcissi or some double China lilies to combine with the iris and violets in the first bouquets of the new year, but in my garden, at least, they have been delayed.

SHRUBS IN BLOOM

Coming into full bloom this month, undeterred by the cold, is the shrub known as Wintersweet or Chinese Winter Rose, Meratia praecox. A single bush perfumes the whole garden, and a small branch will proclaim its presence in a large room, although the fragrance is never overpowering. The waxy yellow flowers with red brown markings in the center, are borne on interesting twiggy branches before the leaves appear, and are lovely in line arrangements in the house, or keep well enough for a small sprig to be worn all day as a boutonniere. The bush blooms best when it's in a warm position sheltered from wind, as the leaves are rather large and tear easily. It grows eventually to six or eight feet in diameter, and is in the same family as our native spice bush, the calycanthus.

The Australian Correas also bloom right along through whatever cold we have here, as in their homeland this would be their summer. They haven't changed their habit of blooming even though the seasons are the reverse of what they're used to. They are all rather low-growing, the tallest attaining a height of four feet.

The leaves of the species now in the trade are all greyish green, but the flower color varies. In Correa pulchella they are a soft pure pink. Those of Correa harrisi are bright red, of C. alba, white, and those of C. magnifica a solid chartreuse. The Correas are commonly called Australian fuchsias, but only because the flowers are long and tubular and hang down from the branches in a manner somewhat similar to that of fuchsias(and not from any near relationship to them. They bloom from November through March, and are very useful for their evergreen foliage and winter-flowering habit.

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Flynns' Persian Cats Win Honors

Persian cats and kittens exhibited a week ago last Saturday and Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Flynn of Mountain View Drive of the San Dee Cattery won a large share of ribbons and honors at the All Breed Championship Show held by the Golden Gate Cat Club at the Hotel Leamington.

A 10-month, smoked female won 4 points towards the championship as well as 2 first place ribbons and a silver trophy cup. A brown tabby won 2 second place ribbons and a large silver serving tray.

A tortoise shell won a third prize ribbon and a blue Persian won 2nd and 3rd in the Novice and Open and a 3rd and 4th in the Novice and Open color class. Two kittens, a blue female won 2 first place ribbons with a male blue kitten winning 2 third place ribbons.

The Flynn's are very happy over the ribbons and prizes won at the show as this was the first time they have exhibited at any show.

They received several offers from buyers to purchase a beautiful Ticked tabby, a pet of their daughter Sandy, which they refused. The Ticked tabby was shown for exhibition purposes only and did not compete for a prize as the coloring was so unusual there was no color class to compete in.

New Buildings Going Up Here

Building permits issued by the County Building Inspector December 31 to January 7 show six new structures going up in Orinda-Moraga and three in Lafayette.

Calling for a single residence and garage, the Orinda group includes: H. C. Muldner, Crae Court near Van Tassel; G. T. Williams, Ridder Lane near Irving Lane; A. C. Boyett, Van Tassel Lane.

In the Moraga-Orinda area are Brent Inman, Oak Wood Road; Hallstead, Meadow Lane; Harold Libbey, Valley Drive near Orchard Road.

In Lafayette the Orchard Nursery is erecting a storage shed on Tunnel Road. W. W. Mason is constructing four apartments on Bickerstaff Street, near Dewing. Fred Alexanderson's permit calls for a single residence along Moraga Road in Lafayette Homeland.

Insurance Agents Plan Meeting

The Contra Costa County Association of Insurance Agents will act as host to insurance agents from surrounding communities on Monday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Los Palmas (formerly El Curtola) 1336 Main Street, Walnut Creek when they will hear officers of the California Association of Insurance Agents discuss current problems in the business.

Secretary - Treasurer Lorrin K. Carroll of the California Association, Paul Higgins, district director, and Assistant Executive Secretary W. F. Williams will report on the Association's technical committees.

Mrs. Arline Harrold, president, and Mrs. Margaret C. Hull, secretary of the Contra Costa County Association of Insurance Agents, are in charge of local arrangements.

TO BE HONORED

Mrs. F. V. Vollmer, district past president, will be honored when the Sixteenth District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers observes the 52nd anniversary of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers at its annual reciprocity luncheon, January 31 at the Hotel Claremont.

Phone or write us your news: Orinda 2118 or P. O. Box 147; or Lafayette 4452 or P. O. Box 806.

PINECREST VACATION

Renee and Lorene Lassalle enjoyed last weekend skiing at Pinecrest and on Strawberry Lake. They were accompanied by their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rodgers of Alameda.

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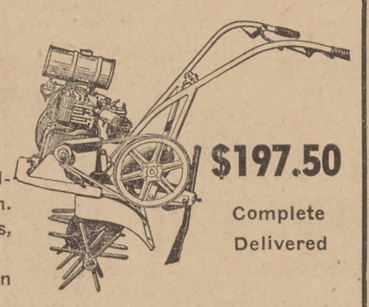
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Ladies Night Held At Diablo Club

Orchids for the ladies, special entertainment acts and a fried chicken dinner — all these and more were included in the Mt. Diablo Men's Garden Club's ladies night, which was to have been held Thursday night.

Dinner was served at 8 p.m. in the country club's new dining room. All Garden Club members, their wives and guests were invited to join the festivities.

January is ordinarily the month when the men select new officers, but Secretary G. D. Freeman announced that balloting has been delayed until February. Club members wanted to obtain orchids for their wives so the social function had to be planned while blooms are available in abundance. Freeman added, however, that the nominating committee will make its report during dinner tonight.

The Diger trio entertained with an accordion, bass fiddle and guitar combination. Many plants were given away as prizes throughout the evening.

Robert Roden, chief botanist on the recent University of California African expedition, showed colored pictures of plant specimens and various experiences of his journey. A brief perview of the forthcoming California Spring Garden Show was given by its director, Ned Rucker.

Several Evening Classes Added

Evening School Classes for adult education will start the spring semester Monday evening at Acalanes High. Neil Parsons, superintendent, has announced a comprehensive list of courses repeated from the previous term as well as several new additions to the roster.

The three newcomers are interior decorating, real estate and ceramics, he said. Decoration sessions are scheduled to be essentially of the demonstration type including draperies, slip covers and furniture refinishing. Mrs. B. Pendleton will instruct.

Real estate lectures commenced two weeks ago under the leadership of Lee J. Rothgery, Lafayette broker but entrance is still permissible. This class is sponsored by the County Real Estate Board and is designed primarily for people in that field, although it is open to everyone.

Frank A. Smith of the Potter's Wheel is handling the ceramics course, which is the third new class to make its appearance this spring.

If pre - registration requests reach the 15 person minimum necessary to maintain a class, Parsons says Spanish, shorthand, bookkeeping and art also will be made availalble. Residents interested in these four should apply in person or telephone the evening school office, Walnut Creek 4616, as soon as possible.

All courses meet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. except those in folk dancing, two hour sessions which commence at 8 p.m. No charge is made for instruction other than a $1.00 registration fee.

The spring semester instruction schedule is as follows:

Monday and Thursday: Cabinet shop, Crafts shop and Typing (beginning).

Monday only: Folk dancing (beginning), Sewing (beginning), and Photography.

Tuesday and Thursday: Physical fitness (men; basketball).

Tuesday only: Folk dancing (advanced beginning) and Practical interior decoration.

Wednesday only: Badminton, Sewing and tailoring (advanced), and Real estate fundamentals.

Thursday only: Folk dancing (intermediate) and ceramics.

Friday only: Folk dancing (advanced).

Acalanes Takes Part in Contest

Participation by the Acalanes Union High School in the National Scholastic Art Awards contest, being sponsored in Northern California by the Emporium of San Francisco, has been arranged by Vera M. Richardson of the school's art department.

This program, which last year drew over 100,000 entries from the United States, its territories and Canada, provides art students in junior and senior high schools with opportunity to compete for recognition of their talents.

Following judging by a group of distinguished artists, winning entries from Northern California will be exhibited at the Emporium from February 26 through March 12. Gold achievement keys and certificates of merit will go to the regional winers. Following this showing, the key-winning pieces will be forwarded to Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh where they will be judged in competition for thousands of dollars in prizes and 90 scholarships to leading art schools.

Experts Support Company Request

Contention of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. that it should be granted a $33,655,000 rate increase in California has been supported by two investment experts, a San Francisco broker and a New York economist.

These two men recently told Public Utility Commission members that without additional earnings, P.T.&T. securities would not attract investors' money because the rate of return would be too low.

Frank Walker, general partner of Dean Witter & Co., San Francisco, testified at the hearing that the company is entitled to earnings between 6.75 and 7 per cent on its total capital and surplus.

New York University Professor of Economics, Dr. Herbert B. Dorau, said P. T. & T. is entitled to earnings of not less than 7.1 per cent on its net investment. The utility consultant had testified before Utilities Commissioners last year when a $27,500,000 rate boost was granted; at that time he advocated a 6.75 per cent of return.

Walker and Dorau agreed the company needs $300,000,000 new capital to carry its construction program into 1950. They said P. T.&T.'s credit has been impaired and increased earnings are necessary to restore this credit balance.

Seal Sale Above Last Year's Total

Christmas Tuberculosis Seal Sale now totals $39,012.01 according to Mrs. C. R. Alexander, County Chairman for the Contra Costa Public Health Association. This is more than fifteen hundred dollars ahead of final results last year. Said Mrs. Alexander, "Contra Costans are appreciating the case finding work of the Association with the free chest x-rey service and our public health education with the free chest x-ray serderful response.

Reminder cards are still being mailed out to persons who have not yet sent back their pink envelopes. While some are unable to enclose money, the letters which accompany the returned unused seals contain expressions of understanding of and belief in the work which the Association conducts."

Eighty-five percent of all money received before March 31st will be used in Contra Costa County.

Finance Prof. Speaks to Mart

Guest speakers at Monday's Real Estate Mart meeting were Paul Wendt, professor of finance and land economics at the University of California, and his assistant, Sherman Maisel.

Breakfast was served at Alsam's, 8 a.m., followed by the lecture, which discussed the Real Estate Education Program now being carried on by the organization. Harlan Geldermann, breakfast chairman, presided.

Following the Mart tour of local real estate, a directors meeting convened at Alsam's. Included in the short business session were presentation of the 1949 budget and consideration of the realtors' Washington committee's request for funds, according to Mabel V. Anderson, assistant secretary.

Hospital Group Sells Calendars

For more than 25 years, Children's Hospital of the East Bay members have been turning calendars into bricks!

Oldest fund raising project carried on by the hospital branches in Alameda and Contra Costa counties is the annual sale of week-at-a-glance calendar and memo pads. The proceeds have helped with building projects of the hospital, as well as providing funds to care for youngsters.

For the first time since the war, a limited number of the fine quality, gilt-edged pads, covered in blue and decorated with the hospital symbol, "The Bambino", are being offered to the public.

They are priced at one dollar ($1.10 by mail) and may be ordered from the following hospital members in this area: Mrs. Theodore Betckett, 60 Davis Road, Orinda, or Mrs. D. Charles Williams, Rt. 1, Box 25, Lafayette, phone Lafayette 4661.

According to Mrs. William Harold Oliver, general chairman of the hospital branches, many women of the Eastbay community have used the handy calendars themselves, and given them as gifts, each year since they were first offered for sale.

Mrs. Olson Wins Prize In National Contest

Mrs. Maria-Theresa Olson, of Lafayette, has won a prize in the nation-wide 'You Judge the Dogs' contest, the Ralston Purina Company, contest sponsors, announced today. She will receive a subscription to Sports Afield Magazine for her prize-winning entry.

The contest consisted of selecting the top-ranking dogs shown in a special "You Judge the Dogs" folder. The folder contained actual photographs of four dogs representing each of the popular sporting breeds: pointers, setters, beagles, foxhounds, labradors and springer spaniels. Contestants made their selections on the basis of their knowledge of dogs and their good judgment.

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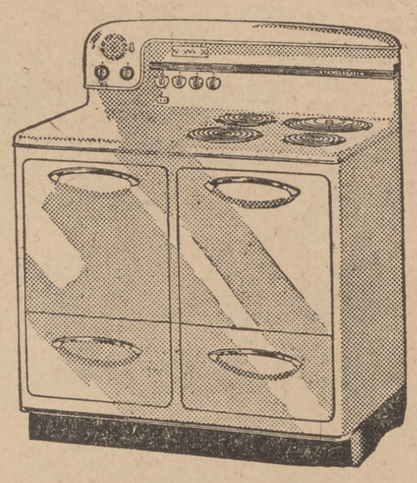

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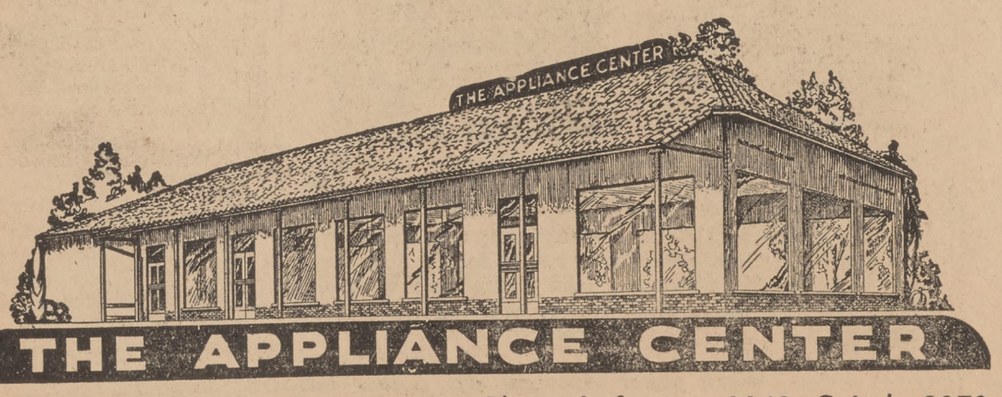

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Van Brocklin Signs with Rams

By ERWIN MATTSON

A recent sports page news article reported that Stub Van Brocklin, former Acalanes star, has signed a contract with the professional Los Angeles Rams.

On the basis of reports he will have a sizeable income tax to pay on his $15,000 salary for four months on the gridiron next fall. Stub is the second Don to enter the play for pay ranks having been preceded by Roger Harding who played with the Philadelphia Eagles this year.

Van Brocklin has a year of college left but also has enough credits due to summer school work to finish up this summer. It will be with interest that local fans will follow his career in the pro ranks. May his income tax be high for many seasons to come.

FROM THE SIDELINES

By Coach Erwin Mattson

While in Los Angeles for the Rose Bowl game we had the opportunity to see the much talked about television in operation.

On the basis of a personal "look see" and the comments of others we feel that it will be a big boost for the field of sports.

Sports seem to be one of the best mediums for transmission and provide a realistic and most practical way of observing events in lieu of actually being present at the game itself. Some claim that football in particular is better on the television screen than from a 70th row seat.

In many ways radio heard games along with the screen image can be more exciting than seeing the real thing. Commentators have a way of making a one yard plunge by the Alma Mater fullback sound like an All American run at its best.

Some fear has been expressed that television will cut attendance but we can hardly believe that will be true. The novelty may effect the early gates but in the end more people will become interested and attendance will jump in proportion.

The Acalanes Dons are sporting newly acquired sweat suits which have more than their share of eye appeal.

One of several innovations is a slack pants instead of the conventional zipper or buttoned bottom.

Zippers offer a problem in that they tend to lock at the most inopportune moments.

TROUBLE — TROUBLE

A substitue reporting into the game is often carrying a message which may make considerable changes in the offense or defense or both.

It sometimes means the loss of several points if a new man is prevented from entering on time due to a balky zipper. Buttons are often impractical in that they are unable to take the rough treatment accorded them during the stress and strain of a game.

NEW EQUIPMENT

The student body has spent a considerable amount this year in providing uniforms and equipment for its teams.

The swimmers will boast a team uniform for the first time in the form of snappy, two-way stretch swimming trunks.

Perennial county champions, they are expected to cop the title again this year as Coach Dave Stewart has a good nucleus of returning veterans plus some good looking freshmen on the roster.

Thanks to the heated pool the team will soon be getting in much needed pre-season practice.

BATTER UP!

Baseball will sport natty new white uniforms trimmed in blue. The old uniforms served well for seven years and in that time saw three successive championships.

Acalanes has always been a leader in well equipped teams. The football club, for example, has been better equipped than many college elevens.

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Dons to Meet John Swett Team

Friday, Feb. 4, when Acalanes Dons meet the John Swett Indians at Crockett, the Dons will hope to repeat their last encounter when the Dons defeated Crockett by a score of 44 to 30 while the Acalanes B team lost 10 to 42. Here this Saturday night the Dons meet Modesto in a practice game, the B game starting at 7:30.

When Acalanes met Crockett earlier this season Don forward Marshall Freeman had a good night, scoring 17 points and taking high point honors with Cortez of Crockett second with 13 points. Marshall is currently third in the Contra Costa County Athletic League scoring race, with 61 points in league games. Marsh is behind John Henry Johnson of Pittsburg who has 67 points and Cortez of John Swett with 66. Harry Nielsen, Don center, is ninth with 43 points.

The lineup for the B team is still undecided, according to coach Charles Eaton. The lineup that will start the A game and which has started most of the games this season will be: Lynn Amason and Marshall Freeman at forwards; Harry Nielsen at center; and Roy Van den Heuvel and Bob Ferro at guards.

When the Dons meet Modesto Saturday night it should prove to be a real battle for Modesto is a top notch ball club and its coach is Mark Parsons, Acalanes Principal Neil Parsons' brother.

Last Monday the St. Mary's freshmen defeated Acalanes by a score of 52 to 32.

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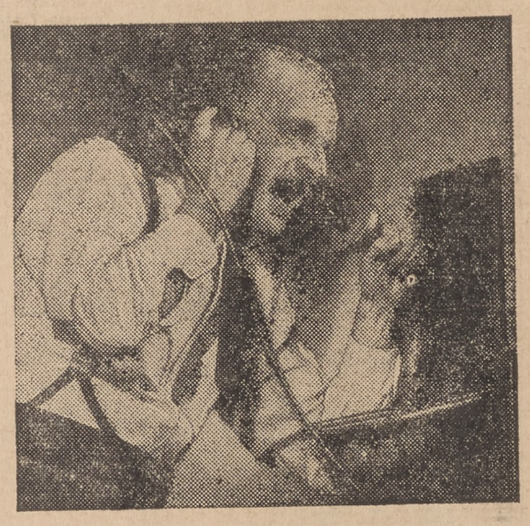

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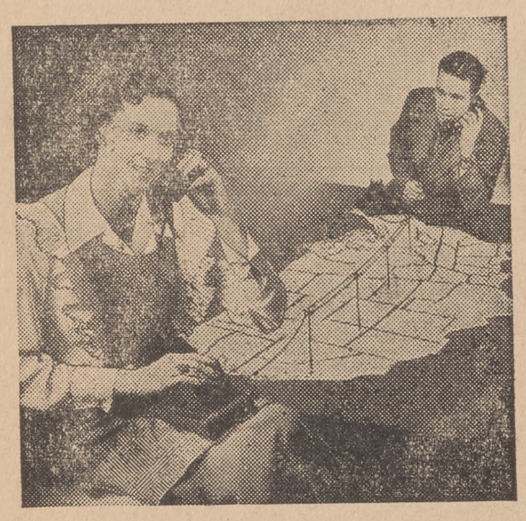

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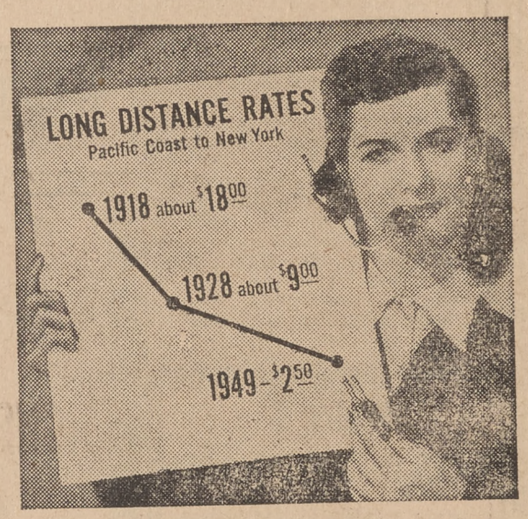

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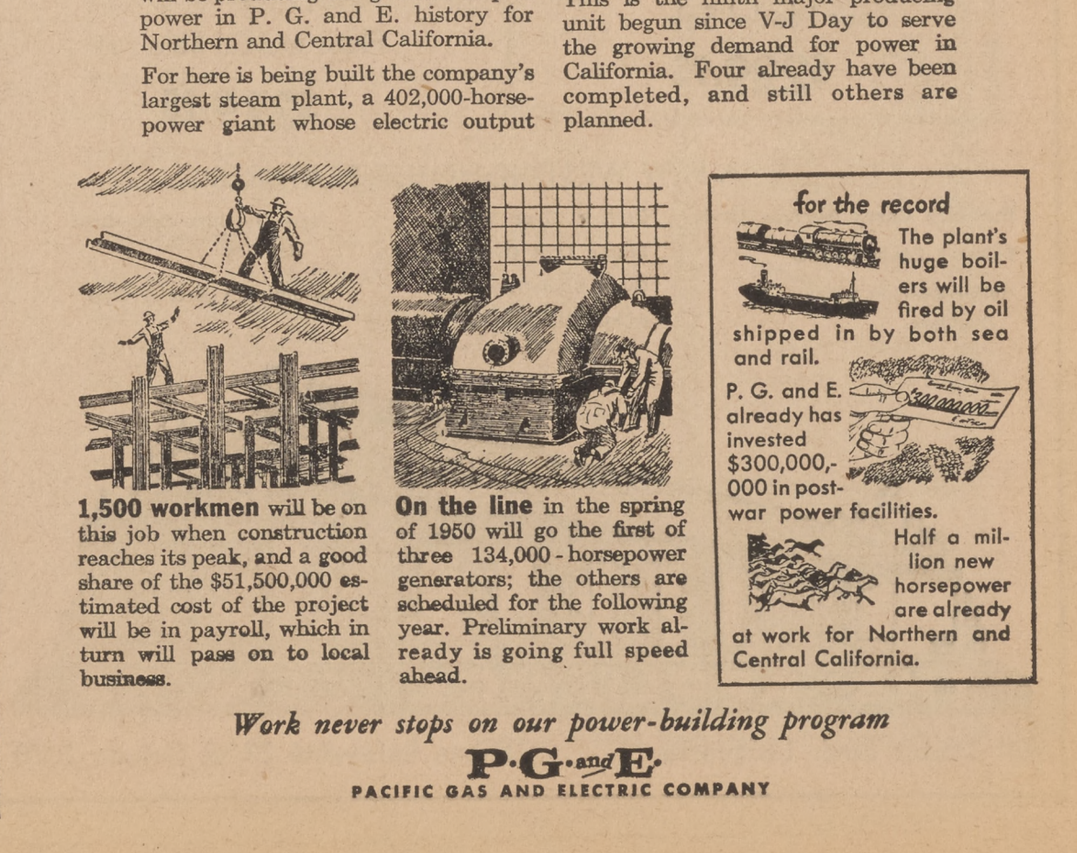

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"It was PERFECT in capital letters!" This was Mrs. George Russell's comment on the trip she and her husband made to the Hawaiian Islands.

The Russells left on December 10 and returned on January 15.

They were in Hawaii at the time of the volcano eruption from "Mauna Loa". The couple were able to witness the eruption at a distance of twenty miles. The first signs came about 4:10 in the afternoon, beautiful flames were in the sky at 6:00, and by 10:30 in the evening, the whole sky was lighted. Mrs. Russell remarked that it was like a "Gorgeous sunset".

Mr. Russell did some deep sea fishing, while Mrs. Russell enjoyed every bit of the warm sunshine.

'Miss' Bridwell Has Birthday

Little Christine Bridwell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Bridwell Jr. was the center of attraction at the party honoring her birthday at her grandparents' home, the Bridwells Sr. Other guests were her aunt Janet Bridwell and her great grandmother, Mrs. Cora Morgan.

Seafarers Plan Social Meeting

The Seafarers will have their next social gathering at the home of Chester and Carrie Brown on Friday evening, February 4. Dessert will be served at 7:30 Following this will be business, games, an interview and singing.

Smiths Entertain For Son's Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Smith of El Caminito gave a party Saturday, the 22nd, celebrating the birthday of their son, Willard Smith of Concord.

Other guests enjoying the family affair were Mrs. Willard Smith, her parents Mr. and Mrs. Kent Sibbald and their children Joan and Kern, and Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Moses of Crockett.

Sermon on Joseph Planned this Week

"Disguise of Tenderness", second in a series of 3 sermons on Joseph, will be given by the Rev. Fred Morrow as part of the Sunday morning worship service at Orinda Community Church next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Parents of Kindergarten and Primary age children may attend the service by taking advantage of the regular second Sunday school session held at that hour, conducted by Mrs. J. J. McMillan. The choir will sing, directed by Mary Elizabeth Tomme.

9:30 is the hour for educational activities in all age groups from the Nursery class up to and including the 8th grade. A staff of 25 teachers and officers operates under the superintendency of Everett D. Howe. High school age young people have no morning class but meet in the Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday evening at 7 o'clock for a rounded program of study, worship, service and recreation, led by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Twining. All young people of this age are welcome to attend.

Margo Anthonisen Has Birthday Party

Birthday parties are such fun! So thought Margo Anthonisen when a group of her little friends came Saturday afternoon to her home on Orchard Road to help her celebrate her fourth birthday.

Besides her brother Bob there were present Priscillia Devin, Donna Stahle, Lary Hunn, Diana Dorr, D. D. Woodcock, Carol Cramer, Howie Inglis and Hester Harris.

NEW BOOKS AT SCHOOL

Joseph Sheaff, school superintendent, reports that the new books purchased for the Orinda School library by Mothers Club are being thoroughly enjoyed by the school children. There are about 85 new books in the library now and there will be close to 100 when they all arrive.

RECOVERING

C. P. McVickar is now recovering from an illness and is feeling much better.

AT AHWAHNEE

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Little of Underhill Road and their family, with friends from Berkeley, spent last weekend at the Ahwahnee in Yosemite. The trip was arranged by Worden's Travel Agency.

FLYS TO NEW YORK

Joan Inman-Kane flew to New York last Saturday.

Curtain Calls: New Serial Is A Thriller!!!

The new serial "The Master Key" is really making a big hit — not only with the children but with the grown-ups. Gwen Holtwick was so concerned when the last chapter ended with the car plunging over the bridge. Mr. Roselle who has always been so helpful, usually finds some nice dark spot and hopes he can watch without any interruptions. Esther Bacon became so wrapped up that she informed all the mothers in a very loud voice, "Oh, he isn't really hidden in the trunk."

This week's show should really thrill the "western" enthusiasts as most of us remember Richard Dix in "The Kansan." Also a cartoon and short subject.

Sandra Boyer, who celebrated her birthday last week, so politely telling Helen Klement that it was the nicest birthday she ever had.

Another interested bystander was Peter Veitch and we hope by now his mother has explained what a half-sister is, as one of the mothers became quite involved trying to explain.

Doris Clifford, the club's official historian, is really putting a lot of time into making a very lovely scrap book.

Mrs. Freideriki, who has gone to the islands better hurry back as she is greatly missed by all.

The candy was such a sell out that more had to be hastily gotten during the show. There will be nickle candy bars for the children each week.

Valentine Tea Plans Complete

Mrs. Ida Zamlock, chairman of the Women's Guild's coming valentine bridge Tea on the afternoon of February 14 in the new church unit, reports plans completed for a very enjoyable affair, and the sale already of many tickets through the ticket committee composed of Miriam King, Gertrude Ogden, Dee Hight, and Jeannette Blalock.

Ably assisting Mrs. Zamlock is Dorothy Bowman, chairman of the evening section's ways and means comittee. Patrons are to bring their own cards. Any game may be played at a table.

There will be two prizes besides a simple gift for the winner at each table. Child care will be provided for at 35 cents for the afternoon.

SNEEZE & COUGH

Sharon Bashen, third grade, is out of school this week with a severe cold.

Here and There in Orinda

FLY TO TALLAHASSEE

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Stahl flew to Tallahassee because of a death in the family and will return after a short stay.

GOLF PROS' LUNCH

A Luncheon and golf party will be given today, Friday, at Orinda Country Club, by Pat Patton, Club Golf Pro, for golf pros in the area.

SCHOOL PARTY

Anthony Seebock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seebock, celebrated his sixth birthday with a party at school. He had his birthday cake with nuts and candy at "milk time" and everyone had lots of fun. Anthony is in Mrs. Davison's first grade.

BIG & LITTLE MUMP

Mrs. Frank C. Libby has been confined to her home for the last two weeks — having mumps with her daughter, Susan.

TONI WAS THERE

In the group of girls named in last week's ORINDA SUN representing the Prima Donna's Club who visited and entertained the children of the Richmond Clinic, the name of Toni West was left out inadvertently. Mrs. George Neldam, leader of the group, received a letter from Mrs. R. E. Greeley, in charge of the clinic, thanking the girls for the visit and the entertainment given the children.

DORR BREAKS LEG

John Dorr broke his leg while skiing and was brought home in an ambulance yesterday.

TO MOVE HERE

Mr. and Mrs. James Van Sicklen will move shortly into their new home in Orinda. They are now living in an apartment in Berkeley. Mr. Van Sicklen departed recently for a few months business trip to Guam.

DINNER PARTY

At the Rankin home on Stanton Ave., husband Donald's birthday was celebrated Friday evening with an enjoyable dinner party to which their friends Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arellano of Oakland, and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Reis of San Francisco were invited.

SKIING AT CISCO

Boyd Wickman and Richard Laney had lots of fun skiing at Cisco Grove last Saturday and Sunday. Not having made reservations they planned to spend the night in their sleeping bags but were spared this tough experience by finding accommodations unexpectedly in the Lodge.

HOME DEPT. MEETS

Members of the Home Department met Wednesday morning to hear a talk by Miss Burling covering "Tricks in Tailoring". The get-together was held at the B. F. Courant residence, 224 La Espiral.

Down Sleepy Hollow Way

By BILLIE GREENLAW

It's fun to travel but these cold days it's even better to sit by a nice warm fire with those old slippers on and let the travelers come to you.

From friends visiting down our way we've had first hand accounts of the blizzards in Idaho and New York.

ORIENT TRIP

An evening spent with Captain and Mrs. William Tyrrell of Van Tassel Lane brought out the interesting events of his recent trip to the Orient. One of the passengers aboard his ship, the General M. C. Meigs, was a war veteran who not so long ago was a flier with General Doolittle's command in bombing raids on Japan—one of the lucky ones who escaped to China. He, with his wife, was returning as a missionary to the very place he had once bombed.

Other notes of interest from Captain Tyrrell: Japan looks fine for American business. Also the Philippines are making excellent progress in rebuilding Manila. All in all, the trip was less eventful than previous ones — there was only one new arrival on the high seas — this being about two under par.

IDAHO VISITORS

Believe it or not but our visitors from Idaho, Mrs. Jack Ellsworth and Mrs. Fisher Ellsworth tell us that winter is so bad there that not only cattle are freezing but ducks trying to get south drop in the streets starving and exhausted.

CONVALESCING

We are glad to hear that Janie Seaman and Sylcia Bolman are convalescing at home now. Both had been hospitalized with pneumonia.

NEW NEIGHBORS

Welcome to new neighbors, the Marshall Morans who recently moved into their new home on Van Ripper Lane.

SKI TRIP

Mark Noble Jr. is enjoying two weeks skiing with friends in Sun Valley.

Hill'n Dale Members Enjoy Parties

The usual round of delightful cocktail parties preceded Friday night's Hill'N Dale formal dinner dance at Orinda Country Club. Mrs. Frank Dunn was in charge of arrangements for the affair and it, like the previous party in the series has been marked down as a gay success.

In addition to regular Hill'N Dale members, a quartet of guests was invited to join the festivities. These were Mr. and Mrs. Burnham Mobley, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Calden, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Flinn, Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Burgess Sr.

Among the cocktail parties preceding the dance were those hosted by Mesdames and Messrs. Milton Selby, George Richardson, Quentin Reynolds, James North, Oliver Meek, William Judge, Vad Jelton, William Fleager, Paul Diggle, Frank Dunn, Stewart Dinwiddie, Stewart Davis, Douglas Day, and Sheldon Allen.

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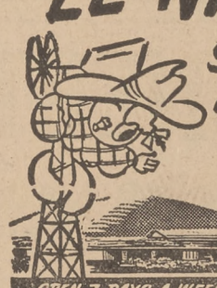

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